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## DIGEST

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HB No. 38

**Abstract:** Provides for new election districts for the PSC and for effectiveness of such districts

**Abstract:** Provides for the redistricting of the La. Public Service Commission and provides for the composition of each of the five commission districts. Provides that each commissioner in office shall be the commissioner for the new district having the same designation as the district from which he was elected and shall complete his term. Provides for filling of vacancies from the new districts. Effective for election purposes only for the regular elections in 2012; effective for all purposes on Jan. 1, 2013.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 906,674 and the range of those variances, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. *(Attached to hard copies of the bill distributed during session and available as a separate document on the Internet.)*

Present law divides the state into five districts for election of commissioners to the Public Service Commission as does proposed law which reapportions the districts.

Proposed law provides that the Act shall not reduce the term of office of any member of the PSC.

Proposed law provides that each commissioner in office on the effective date of the Act shall be the commissioner for the district having the same designation as the district from which the commissioner was elected and that each commissioner in office shall complete the term for which he was elected. Provides that a vacancy in the representation of any PSC district which is filled after the effective date of the Act shall be filled as provided by law from the district where the vacancy occurs as it is designated and composed in the Act.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for Louisiana. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

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(Adds R.S. 45:1161.5; Repeals R.S. 45:1161.4)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Makes changes to districts 1 and 3 as follows:
  - Moves precinct in Ascension from district 3 to district 1.
  - Moves precincts in Orleans from district 1 to district 3.